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PAY FEES ONLINE

Attorneys filing complaints will soon be able to pay their filing fees online.



Using **Pay.gov**, the U.S. Treasury's Internet payment processing feature, filers will pay their fees as they docket their event using a major credit card instead of paying separately. **Pay.gov** will accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Diners Club/Carte Blanche, and Discover cards and work as most online payment features do.

A report, "The Internet Payment History Report," will be available to users through CM/ECF so internet credit card payments may be tracked.

DOCUMENT HEADERS PROVIDE FILING INFORMATION

Ever wanted to know when a CM/ECF document was filed but couldn't find the Notice of Electronic Filing with your hard copy? CM/ECF now has a new feature to make it easy to know the filing date of the document. Electronically filed documents will now have a header incorporated on the document that gives the case number, the document number, the date of filing, and the number of pages in the document. Information will appear in the following format at the top of each page:

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Opinions Free On CM/ECF

In compliance with E-Government regulations, as of April 16, 2005, users with a PACER account may now access documents designated as opinions by the Court on CM/ECF without incurring PACER charges. Through a report titled "Written Opinions," available on the Report menu, attorneys and the public may view opinions without charge. This applies to opinions entered April 16 or after. Both the report itself and documents accessed through the report will be free to the PACER user. To access this report the user will need to log into CM/ECF, using a PACER account, click on the Reports section, then "Written Opinions."

From the Written Opinions report, opinions may be searched by case number, last name, first name, and/or middle name of a party. Users may also search by office, nature of suit, case type, cause of action and case flags. Not every order of the court will be available through that report; the court will designate those orders deemed to be "opinions" for posting. Opinions can also be accessed through existing reports, such as the Docket Report. If this method of access is used, the opinion itself will be free of charge, however the .08 per page PACER fee will apply for the report.

Individual case representatives will continue to get automatic notice of all filings in cases in which they are listed as attorney of record and will continue to be allowed the one free look through the email notification.